

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1797**

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YASUYUKI NUMAJIRI ET AL. ) : Examiner: N.A. Bowers  
Application No.: 10/811,916 ) : Group Art Unit: 1797  
Filed: March 30, 2004 ) : Confirmation No. 3181  
For:      BIOCHEMICAL REACTION )  
              CARTRIDGE              : April 16, 2010

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

**A. Introductory Comments**

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2009 for two (2) months, from February 16, 2010 to April 16, 2010. The \$490 fee for the extension is submitted herewith via Deposit Account 50-3939. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to the same Deposit Account.

II. In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2009, the period having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.